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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ROUTES 92 AND

ALTERNATE 92 IN THE BAN BAC AREA OF THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE:

1. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CLOSED PORTION ON ALTERNATE ROUTE 92 (REF A) AT 1550N 10645E (UTM XC888523) WITH SUBSEQUENT ROAD REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION (REF B) IS AGAIN CLOSED AT TWO POINTS BY LANDSLIDES AND COLLAPSE OF THE ROAD EMBANKMENT. THIS IS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A COMBINATION OF THE RECENT AIR STRIKES AND THE WEATHER. NO APPARENT ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS OR TO RESTORE THE COLLAPSED ROAD BED.

2. ROUTE 92 HAS BEEN CLOSED BY A LANDSLIDE AT 1551N 10646E (UTM XC901538) 0.6 NM NORTH OF BAN BAC AS A RESULT OF RECENT AIRSTRIKES. NO REPAIR WORK IS NOTED.

3. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FORD (REF C) CROSSING THE SE KONG AT 1550N 10647E (UTM XC908522) SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RECENT VEHICULAR USE AND APPEARS UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO HIGH WATER AND BOMB CRATERS

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4. EIGHT NEWLY OBSERVED DESTROYED TRUCKS ARE NOTED 1.6 NM NORTHWEST OF THE CLOSED PORTION OF ROUTE 92 ALTERNATE (SEE PARA 1) IN A TRUCK PARK AT 1551N 10644E (UTM XC857533). SIX NEWLY OBSERVED DESTROYED TRUCKS ARE ALSO OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 923 0.3 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE UNSERVICEABLE FORD (SEE PARA 3).

5. THE CLOSING OF ROUTE 92 ALTERNATE ROUTE 92 AND THE UNSERVICEABLE FORD CROSSING THE SE KONG HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATION OF TRUCKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CLOSED AREAS AS EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT DESTRUCTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TRUCKS.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L7012 SHEETS 6358I AND 6358 IV

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